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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 22, with the following paragraph.

Figure 10 shows a comparison of nucleotide sequence between mouse (SEQ ID NO:3) and human (SEQ ID NO:5) "Tespec PRO-2". The nucleotides conserved between the two are boxed.